**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1.      (Currently amended) An HTML file format implemented within a computer system for redirecting an application program, executing to import at least one HTML data object, to an alternative source file to import an underlying data source associated with the at least one HTML data object into the application program, the HTML file format comprising:

an HTML tag;

a plurality of HTML data object tags wherein each HTML data object tag is associated with an HTML data object displayed in a Web page as provided by a source website; ~~and~~

a redirection attribute associated with at least one of the plurality of HTML data object tags within an HTML file of the Web page wherein the Web page as provided by the source website includes the redirection attribute and wherein the redirection attribute is accessible via the source website and points to the alternative source file where the underlying data source associated with the at least one HTML data object is stored ~~whereby upon selection via the Web page of the at least one HTML data object for import, the application program is redirected to retrieve the underlying data source from the alternative source file~~; and

a redirection flag associated with the at least one HTML data object wherein when the redirection flag is not disabled, the application program is redirected by the redirection attribute to retrieve the underlying data source from the alternative source file upon selection via the Web page of the at least one HTML data object for import and wherein when the redirection flag is disabled, the HTML data object is imported from the Web page to the application program.

2.      (Original) The HTML file format of Claim 1, wherein the redirection attribute comprises a connection string that points to a location where the underlying data source is stored.

3.      (Previously presented)  The HTML file format of Claim 2, wherein the connection string comprises a uniform resource locator (URL).

4.      (Currently amended) A method for redirecting an application program to an alternative source file to retrieve an underlying data source associated with a plurality of HTML data objects displayed in a Web page as provided by a source website, wherein the HTML data objects are stored in HTML format, comprising:

receiving a user command selecting at least one of the plurality of data objects to import from a Web page into an application program;

retrieving an HTML data object tag associated with the selected HTML data object;

determining if the HTML data object tag comprises a redirection attribute, the redirection attribute comprising a connection string that identifies an alternative source file where the underlying data source associated with the selected data object is stored;

if the HTML data object tag comprises a redirection attribute determining whether a redirection flag associated with the selected data object is disabled;

if the redirection flag is not disabled performing the sequence comprising:

retrieving the connection string from the redirection attribute;

opening the alternative source file identified by the connection string;

retrieving the underlying data source; and

importing the underlying data source into the application program; and

if one of the HTML data object tag does not comprise a the redirection attribute and the redirection flag is disabled, then importing the HTML data object from the Web page into the application program.

5.      (Canceled)

6.      (Original)  The method of Claim 4, wherein the HTML data object is selected from a list consisting essentially of TABLE, PRE, XMP, LISTING, and PLAINTEXT.

7.      (Original)  The method of Claim 4, wherein the connection string comprises a uniform resource locator (URL).

8.      (Previously presented) The HTML file format of claim 1, wherein the underlying data source comprises underlying data that defines a data type of the at least one HTML data

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object and wherein the alternative source file comprises an electronic file stored separately from the Web page.

9.     (Previously presented) The HTML file format of claim 1, wherein the redirection attribute is placed within the at least one HTML data object tag thereby indicating that the at least one HTML data object tag has associated underlying data stored at an alternate location.

10.     (Previously presented) The HTML file format of claim 1, wherein the HTML tag includes a namespace declaration.

11.     (Previously presented) The HTML file format of claim 2, wherein the connection string comprises a data string that includes at least one of an address of the location where the underlying data source is stored and information on how to retrieve the underlying data source.

12.     (Previously presented) The HTML file format of claim 1, wherein the alternative source file comprises one of the following:

an electronic file stored on a remote server; and

an electronic file stored on a local hard drive of the computer system.

13.     (Previously presented) The HTML file format of claim 1, wherein the underlying data source comprises underlying data stored in a rich text format.

14.     (Previously presented) The HTML file format of claim 13, wherein the rich text format comprises XML.

15.     (Previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the underlying data source comprises underlying data that defines a data type of the HTML data object.

16.     (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the underlying data is stored in a rich text format.

17.     (Previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the Web page as provided by the source website includes the redirection attribute.

18. (Previously presented) A computer-readable medium comprising computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 4.

19. (Currently amended) A method for redirecting an application program executing on a computer system to an alternative location in order to retrieve underlying data stored in the alternative location and associated with an HTML data object displayed in an HTML document wherein the HTML document as provided by a source website includes a redirection attribute, the method comprising:

receiving a command selecting the HTML data object for import into the application program from the HTML document as provided by the source website wherein the HTML data object is stored in an HTML format that excludes the underlying data associated with the HTML data object;

in response to receiving the command, retrieving an HTML data object tag associated with the selected HTML data object;

determining whether the HTML data object tag contains the redirection attribute, the redirection attribute comprising a data string that identifies the alternative location where the underlying data associated with the selected data object is stored; and

in response to the HTML data object tag containing the redirection attribute <u>determining whether a redirection flag associated with the selected HTML data object is disabled;</u>

<u>if the redirection flag is not disabled</u>, executing a sequence comprising:

redirecting the application program to the alternative location identified in the redirection attribute; and

retrieving the underlying data from the alternative location and importing the underlying data into the application program wherein the underlying data defines an original data type of the HTML data object whereby the application program is enabled to correctly interpret data semantics of the HTML data object.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the sequence is transparent to an end-user of the application program whereby the underlying data appears to be retrieved from the HTML document and not the alternative location.